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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN CARS."

1 Strike lines 1 to 73, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) As used in sections 3, 4
4 and 6 of this act:

5 (1) "Motor vehicle" means motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1
6 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, except that for purposes
7 of this section, motor vehicle is limited to vehicles with gross vehicle
8 weight rating, as defined in said section 14-1, of ten thousand pounds
9 or less; and

10 (2) "Greenhouse gas" means greenhouse gas, as defined in section

11 22a-200 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Not later than October 1, 2006, the
13 Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
14 Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change, shall conduct a
15 study to determine the motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission
16 reductions necessary to meet the goals of section 22a-200a of the
17 general statutes. The department shall include its findings,
18 accompanied by any recommended legislative revisions, in its 2007
19 climate change report required by subsection (d) of section 22a-200a of
20 the general statutes.

21 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Not later than October 1,
22 2007, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation
23 with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall establish a greenhouse
24 gas labeling program for new motor vehicles sold or leased in the state
25 with a model year of 2009 or later.

26 (b) Greenhouse gas labels under this program shall include the
27 vehicle's greenhouse gas score, comparing the vehicle's greenhouse gas
28 emissions with the greenhouse gas emissions from all vehicle models
29 of the same model year for which a label is required, presented in both
30 a continuous bar format and a single qualitative score, or an alternative
31 graphical representation that the Commissioner of Environmental
32 Protection determines will more effectively convey the information to
33 consumers. The label shall also include the average greenhouse gas
34 score for vehicles within the same vehicle class as the vehicle to which
35 the label is affixed and any other relevant information, as determined
36 by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

37 (c) The greenhouse gas label shall be affixed to the vehicle in a
38 clearly visible location, as determined by the Commissioner of
39 Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

40 (d) No new motor vehicle with a model year of 2009 or later shall be
41 sold or leased in the state without a greenhouse gas emissions label
42 that meets the requirements of this section affixed to it.

43 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of
44 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
45 Motor Vehicles, shall establish or contract for a public education
46 program regarding the vehicle labeling program pursuant to section 3
47 of this act. This program shall also include the dissemination of
48 information about the environmental impact of greenhouse gas
49 emissions from motor vehicles and the impact of vehicle choice on
50 vehicle greenhouse gas emissions.

51 Sec. 5. Subdivision (115) of section 12-412 of the 2006 supplement to
52 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
53 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

54 (115) On and after October 1, 2004, and prior to October 1, 2008, the
55 sale of any hybrid passenger car [utilizing hybrid technology] that has
56 a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway
57 gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon. For purposes
58 of this subdivision, "hybrid passenger car" means a passenger car that
59 draws acceleration energy from two onboard sources of stored energy,
60 which are both an internal combustion or heat engine using
61 combustible fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system and, for a
62 passenger car or light truck with a model year of 2004 or later, is
63 certified to meet or exceed the tier II bin 5 low emission vehicle
64 classification.

65 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) On and after January 1,
66 2007, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of five
67 dollars, in addition to any other fees required for such registration, for
68 each new motor vehicle. Said fee may be identified as the "greenhouse
69 gas reduction fee" on any registration form, or combined with the fee
70 specified by subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the
71 general statutes. All receipts from the payment of such fee shall be
72 deposited into the federal Clean Air Act account established pursuant
73 to section 14-49b of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

74 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may draw upon

75 not more than sixty per cent of the funds deposited into said account
76 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to implement the
77 requirements of sections 3 and 4 of this act, and the Commissioner of
78 Motor Vehicles may draw upon not more than forty per cent of the
79 funds deposited into said account pursuant to subsection (a) of this
80 section to implement the requirements of sections 3 and 4 of this act.

81 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 14-49b of the general statutes is
82 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
83 *October 1, 2006*):

84 (a) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor
85 vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this
86 chapter, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the
87 commissioner a fee of ten dollars for registration for a biennial period
88 and five dollars for registration for an annual period, except that any
89 individual who is sixty-five years of age or older on or after January 1,
90 1994, may, at the discretion of such individual, pay the fee for either a
91 one-year or two-year period. The provisions of this section shall not
92 apply with respect to any motor vehicle which is not self-propelled,
93 which is electrically powered, or which is exempted from payment of a
94 registration fee. This fee may be identified as the "federal Clean Air Act
95 fee" on any registration form provided by the commissioner. Payments
96 collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited
97 as follows: (1) Fifty-seven and one-half per cent of such payments
98 collected shall be deposited into the Special Transportation Fund
99 established pursuant to section 13b-68, and (2) forty-two and one-half
100 per cent of such payments collected shall be deposited in a treasurer's
101 account and credited to a separate, nonlapsing federal Clean Air Act
102 account which shall be established by the Comptroller within the
103 General Fund. The federal Clean Air Act account may be used to pay
104 any costs to state agencies of implementing the requirements of the
105 federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 that are not otherwise met
106 by the fees collected pursuant to section 22a-174 and any funds
107 transferred to the account pursuant to section 22a-27m may
108 additionally be used by the Commissioner of Environmental

109 Protection to carry out the provisions of chapter 446c and section 6 of
110 this act. All moneys deposited in this account are deemed to be
111 appropriated for this purpose. The fee required by this section is in
112 addition to any other fees prescribed by any other provision of this
113 title for the registration of a motor vehicle."